

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Atwood Building
550 West Seventh Ave. Room 102
Anchorage, AK

Board of Nursing Minutes
February 1-2, 2023

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44/62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 102 Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call

Those present constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN, Anchorage
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Educator Member, Vianne Smith, RN, Fairbanks
- Public Member: Julie Tisdale, Wasilla
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage
- LPN Member: Jody Miller, LPN, Haines

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Tessa Walker Linderman, DNP, RN, Executive Administrator
- Kelly Olson, RN, Nurse Consultant

Members of the Public in attendance via Zoom:

Lynn Van Vector
Christine Yoo
Marianne Johnston- Petty
Savannah Courtright
Kimberly Kuriata
Beth Farnstrom
Elizabeth Poole
Marianne Johnstone-Petty
Collene Bridge
Jeannie Monk
Janna Cornelius

Angie Thursby
Michele Cornwall

Agenda Review

On a motion made by Julie Tisdale, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve the agenda for the February 1-2, 2023 meeting.

Ethics Disclosures: None

Agenda Item 2: Public Testimony

Beth Farnstrom thanked Tessa Walker Linderman for her quick response to emails regarding licensing. Beth also inquired if the public could have access to the Board topics for upcoming meetings.

Ended Public Testimony at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 3: November Minutes Review

On a motion made by Vianne Smith, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve the meeting minutes for the November 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item 4: CNA Program Update & Licensing Report

- Nurse Consultant, Kelly Olson informed the board that there is currently 27 State approved Nurse Aide Training Programs in Alaska. The 2 new programs at South Peninsula Hospital and Heritage Place Peninsula Hospital are beginning to plan for classes.
- Jana Cornelius, from the Alaska Veterans and Pioneers Home discussed their requested CNA Training Program
- Angie Thursby from Mat-Us, discussed their requested CNA Training Program
- Michelle Cornwall from The University of Alaska Ketchikan discussed their requested CNA Training program

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 6 ayes, it was resolved the Alaska Board of Nursing approve SEARHC Wrangell (Sitka Expansion) to become a nurse aide training program and taken off provisional status.

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 ayes, it was resolved the Alaska Board of Nursing approve Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home nurse aide training program on provisional status.

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 ayes, it was resolved the Alaska Board of Nursing approve Mat-Su CNA's Change in Training Program request to provisional status
On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Jody Mille and carried with 6

eyes, it was resolved the Alaska Board of Nursing approve University of Alaska Ketchikan (Haines Expansion) Training Program request to provisional status after CMS waiver approval is obtained for PeaceHealth Ketchikan long term care facility.

Agenda Item 4: RN Licensing Reports

- Madeleine Henderson informed the board that there are currently 18,849 active registered nurse licenses.

Break: 10:15a.m.

Return: 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 5: Nurse Apprenticeships

- Tara West from Eqqus informed the board about the Equus Registered Apprenticeship Program and bringing that program to Alaska in the Nursing industry. The program has been approved by the US Department of Labor.

Agenda Item 6: Nurse Tech

- Elizabeth King from AHHA discussed the proposed Alaska Nurse Technician regulation. This would provide nursing students with additional clinical experience; help facilitate recruitment and retention and provide for an enhanced partnership between health care and education institutions. The board will discuss statutory authority with the Department of Law before moving forward with drafting regulations.

On a motion made by Vianne Smith, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 6 eyes, it was resolved the Alaska Board of Nursing open a regulations project that creates a Nurse Tech pathway for nursing students.

Lunch: 11:58a.m.

Return: 1:00 pm

Agenda Item 7: Regulations

The board reviewed public comment on regulations on licensure and certification requirements, reinstatement, renewals, alternative to discipline program for substance use disorders, and nurse aide competency evaluation (sections 12 AAC 44.290, .305, .317, .400, .470, .725, .800, .805, & .850)

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 6 eyes, it was RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing approves the regulations on licensure and certification requirements, reinstatement, renewals, alternative to discipline program for substance use disorders, and nurse aide competency evaluation as publicly notices with changes to Section 805.

The motion passed with no further discussion.

One a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Lena Lafferty carried with 6 eyes, it was RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing open a regulation project on the LPN scope of practice.

Agenda Item 8: Potential Regulations Projects

The board discussed changes to APRN telehealth regulations and adding civil fines.

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder and seconded by Wend Monrad and carried with 6 ayes, it was RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing approve regulation projects on APRN telehealth and civil fines as discussed for public comment with the following changes to Section 12 AAC 44.925, remove working after “telehealth” and add The APRN or another licensed health care provider is available to provide follow up care.

The motion passed with no further discussion.

Agenda Item 9: LPN scope of practice and CNA notary requirement

- The board will draft regulations for LPN scope. The board discussed tabling CNA notary requirement.

Recessed until February 2nd at 9:00a.m.

THURSDAY, February 2nd, 2023, CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

Roll Call

Those present constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN, Anchorage
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Educator Member, Vianne Smith, RN, Fairbanks
- Public Member: Julie Tisdale, Wasilla
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage
- LPN Member: Jody Miller, LPN, Haines

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Tessa Walker Linderman, DNP, RN, Executive Administrator
- Kelly Olson, RN, Nurse Consultant
- Sonja Pinski
- Kendra Wardlaw
- Karina Medina
- Marilyn Zimmerman
- Jody Hartlieb

Members of the Public in attendance via Zoom:

- Beth Farnstrom
- Christine Yoo
- Terra Colegrove
- Colleen Bridge
- Elizabeth Poole
- Savannah Courtright

Agenda Item 13: Investigations – Executive Session

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Wendy Monrad, and carried with 6 Ayes it was agreed that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing cases and reports by the investigative team. Board staff members are to remain during the session.

Let the record reflect that the Board of Nursing moved into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. The door is locked, only Board members, Board staff, and the investigative team are present.

Read Orders on the record.

Jamie Wilson

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing, **HEREBY** modifies the following terms of that Agreement:

- Ms. Wilson made a request to the Board for modification of the Alaska residency requirement of Paragraph B: Duration of Probation. The Board has granted a change of residency to allow probation to continue to toll while not residing in the State of Alaska.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined this Order, regarding Case No. 2020-000368, agrees to modify the existing Consent Agreement, effective immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska has considered the request from Jamie Wilson, Registered Nurse License # 153997, to modify probation requirements of her Consent Agreement, adopted on March 31, 2020. The Board hereby modifies the following terms of that Agreement:

- Ms. Anderson made a request to the Board for release from the requirement of Paragraph N: Counselor/Therapist Reports. The Board has considered Ms. Wilson's request and has granted her early release from this restriction.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined this Order, regarding Case No. 2020-000368, pertaining to Jamie Wilson, Alaska Registered Nurse License Nurse # 153997, agrees to modify the existing Agreement, effective immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

Careena Ainslee

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of The Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order under Case No. 2022-000779, *In the matter of CAREENA B. AINSLEE*, nurse aide certificate No. NUAA14718, adopts this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order.

If there is a violation of any part of this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order, the Division may enforce it by immediately suspending Respondent's nurse aide certificate without any additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing.

The Consent Agreement, Decision and Order takes immediate effect upon signature of this Order in accordance with approval of the Alaska Board of Nursing.

Cherrie Miranda

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate (No. 140236), *In the Matter of Cherrie D. Miranda*, Case Number 2022-000774, hereby adopts the Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate and Order in this matter, effective immediately.

The Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate and Order takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the BOARD OF NURSING.

Amanda Collier

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that Default is entered against Amanda J. Collier (Respondent) and that Respondent's registered nurse license No. 112386 is revoked.

In accordance with AS 44.62.550 and 12 AAC 44.785, the Board of Nursing will allow Respondent to apply for reinstatement of this license **after one year** has elapsed following the effective date of this Decision.

Under this provision, any reinstatement of Respondent's registered nurse license shall be conditioned subject to:

- 1) Payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$1,950.00 for Respondent's repeated failure to provide appropriate documentation and to respond to requests for that documentation; and
- 2) Mandatory audits to monitor compliance with the continuing competency requirements, where satisfactory documentation to verify Respondent's completion of the required continuing competency must be received and approved by the Board or its designee prior to the processing of the renewal/reinstatement of her registered nurse license. This requirement will remain until Respondent's registered nurse license has been renewed/reinstated subject to this mandatory audit requirement for two license periods.

Cassandra Grunwald

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order under Case No. 2021-000928, *In the matter of CASSAUNDRA D. GRUNWALD*, registered nurse license No. NURR37694, adopts this Consent Agreement, Decision and

Order in this matter.

Any violation of this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order may result in the immediate suspension of Respondent's Alaska registered nurse license without further action by the Board.

This Consent Agreement, Decision and Order takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order with approval of the BOARD OF NURSING.

Darlana Harper

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of nursing for the State of Alaska having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License, *In the matter of Darlena D. Harper*, registered nurse license No. NURR37762, Case No. 2021-001132, hereby adopts the surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

Inna Zayler

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that The BOARD OF NURSING for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order under Case No. 2022-000135, *In the matter of INNA V. ZAYLER*, registered nurse license No. 128085, adopts this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order in this matter.

Any violation of this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order may result in the immediate suspension of Respondent's Alaska registered nurse license without further action by the Board.

This Consent Agreement, Decision and Order takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order with approval of the BOARD OF NURSING.

Amy Blackwell

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate (No. NUAA11928), *In the Matter of Amy L. Blackwell*, Case Number 2022-001106, hereby adopts the Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate and Order in this matter, effective immediately.

The Voluntary Surrender of Nurse Aide Certificate and Order takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the BOARD OF NURSING.

Linda Crabtree Fischer

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 5 Ayes it was **RESOLVED** that, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2022-001060, Linda Crabtree Fischer, license number NURP7002, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

Jamie Wilson

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty and seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was RESOLVED that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska has considered the request from Jamie Wilson, Registered Nurse License # 153997, to modify probation requirements of her Consent Agreement, adopted on March 31, 2020. The Board hereby modifies the following terms of that Agreement:

- Ms. Wilson made a request to the Board for release from the requirement of Paragraph N: Counselor/Therapist Reports. The Board has considered Ms. Wilson's request and has granted her early release from this restriction.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined this Order, regarding Case No. 2020-000368, pertaining to Jamie Wilson, Alaska Registered Nurse License Nurse # 153997, agrees to modify the existing Agreement, effective immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

All original orders were signed by the Chair.

Break: 10:15am

Return: 10:30am

Agenda Item 14: DJJ Medication Distribution Manual

Marie Moore, nurse with Division of Juvenile Justice, presented changes to their medication distribution manual.

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska Board of Nursing approve the Department of Juvenile Justice's 2023 Medication Administration Manual.

Agenda Item 15: Advisory Opinion Review

The board agreed to individually reviewed advisory opinions, and report on them at the next Board meeting:

Low Does Ketamine Infusions – Wendy Monrad

LPN Scope – EA Tessa Lindeman-Walker & Judy

RN Administration of Sedating and Anesthetic Agents – Wendy Monrad

Discipline Sanctions for Sexual Misconduct Affecting Patients – Danette Schloeder

Circumcision - Lena Lafferty

Governance – Danette Schloeder

Neuro Modulator Injections for Cosmetic Purposes – Lena Lafferty

Safety to Practice – Danette Schloeder

Nitrous Oxide in Pediatrics – Vianne Smith

RN Role in Self-Administration Nitrous Oxide Analgesia – Vianne Smith

RN Administration of Nitrous Oxide – Vianne Smith

The Board then continued to review the Master Advisory Opinion List from the November 2021 Board meeting. Tessa Walker Linderman, DNP, RN, Executive Administrator, kept track of notes to each advisory opinion, whether it was achieved, Updated or current.

Break for lunch pm 11:56pm
Return from lunch pm 1:00pm

Agenda Item 16: NLC update

Deputy Director, Glenn Saviers, updated the board on the Nurse Licensure Compact. She announced that the Compact will be introduced to the Legislature this session. There are multiple House and Senate representatives that support the Compact, along with the Governors support.

Agenda Item 17: Division Update

Melissa Dumas provided a division update to include the financials of the division. The revenue for the 1st and 2nd quarters of fiscal year 2023 are already ahead of the prior year, due to license renewals.

Agenda Item 18: NCSBN Annual SoN report

The board reviewed NCSBN's Annual SoN report. The LPN program has been pushed back to a fall start date.

Agenda Item 19: NCLEX review update

Board members Lena Lafferty and Vianne Smith provided an update on the NCLEX review they attended in November. They discussed the high security and the types of questions on the test.

Agenda Item 20: Board Elections

The board held elections.

On a motion made by Lenna Lafferty, seconded by Jody Miller, and carried with 6 Ayes, it was RESOLVED that Vianne Smith will hold the position of Secretary and Danette Schloeder will hold the position of Chair.

Agenda Item 21: Meeting Adjourned

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, the State of Alaska Board of Nursing adjourned at p.m. Until May 2023, or for any special meetings that occur before then.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Administrator, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved: 3/1/2023

Date: 3/1/2023

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